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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

It is the duty of public schools to be unbiased and neutral in how they present religious beliefs and ideologies. Jews, Muslims, Christians, and others have historically been able to attend the public school because no particular view of God or religious practice is imposed upon students or endorsed by the state. For many, religious conviction includes a robust understanding of human sexuality.

Unfortunately, a new sexual orthodoxy is being imposed upon our children in public schools –one which is endorsed and promoted by the state, and conflicts with the fundamental religious convictions of countless families. Therefore, the public school system is no longer inclusive to people of faith. Parents of various religious and cultural backgrounds increasingly express apprehension in enrolling their children in public school because the environment is toxic and intolerant of their family’s deeply held religious beliefs.

I urge you to honor the constitutional rights of all students to freedom of conscience, thought, and speech. This means the state is not entitled to pass legislation that requires schools to impose a sexual code on our children. Yes, schools should ensure students know what kind of conduct is unacceptable, like actions that constitute bullying and harassment. Yet, this does not mean the government has a right to impose a sexual framework onto students – particularly one that contradicts so many families’ religious convictions and practices. That is clearly within the bounds of moral and social ideology, an area constitutionally reserved to families – not the government – to teach children.

Currently, schools will not even allow parents to opt their child out of these lessons and materials.

To remedy the state legislature’s violation of constitutional and religious rights, I request that you strongly support school choice polices, including Education Savings Accounts, for parents to have the ability to take control of their child’s education. In particular, Assembly bill 3000 and Senate bill 3002 offer families a voucher worth 75% of the cost of public school to enroll in a private school, if the public-school refuses to accommodate a parent’s request to opt their child out of lessons and materials that violates, or conflicts with the parent or guardian’s belief or practice regarding sex, sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, conscience, ethics, morality, or religion.

Your commitment to protect the minds of children and the relationship between parents and their child is of the utmost importance to me. Please contact me with your response on your decision to support school choice options, vouchers, or educational savings accounts. As a concerned and engaged constituent, I look forward to hearing from you in writing.

Sincerely,

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